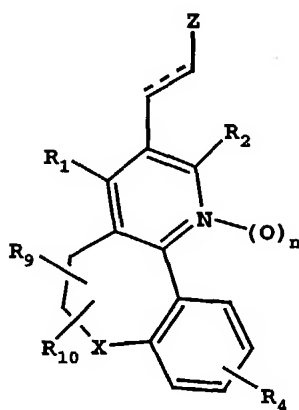


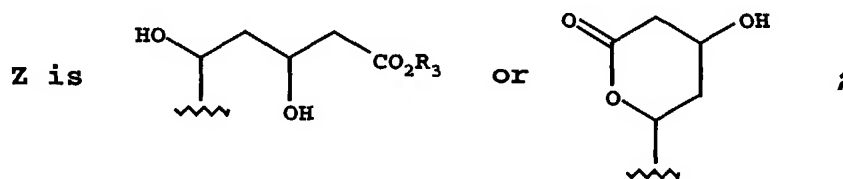
HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS AND METHODAbstract of the Disclosure

5 Compounds of the following structure are HMG CoA reductase inhibitors and thus are active in inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis, modulating blood serum lipids such as lowering LDL cholesterol and/or increasing HDL cholesterol, and treating hyperlipidemia,
 10 hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia and atherosclerosis



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,
 wherein X is O, S, SO, SO₂ or NR₇;

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n is 0 or 1;

R₁ and R₂ are the same or different and are independently selected from alkyl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl or
 20 cycloheteroalkyl; and

R₃ to R₁₀ are as defined herein.